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Near Shkoder, in traditionally backward northern Albania, is the "Dobrach" Agricultural Cooperative. When established in March 1986, it was made up of 14 families, who had less than 50 hectares of land and no modern agricultural machinery. Today, it comprises 80 farms with 440 hectares of land, more than 1,000 sheep, 50 horses and oxen, hay mowers, harvesters, cultivators, and other machinery. Grain production is 2 centners higher per hectare than it was on the peasants' fields. Lake Scutari, on the shore of which "Dobrach" is located, is enabling the cooperative to develop fishing. The chairman of the cooperative, Riza Imeri, also wants to set up an apilary.

Another cooperative is located near the village of Vishotsits in southeastern Albania, 4 kilometers from the Greek border.

The cooperative idea has also taken hold of industrial workers. Twenty thousand Albanian boys and girls worked on the construction of Albania's first railroad, running from Durres to Pegin.

Many mines flooded by the enemy are now producing more than before the war.

A mountain road from Kukes to Peskhopi shortens a journey from Tirana to northern Albania by many kilometers.

The second railroad of Albania was also built by the youth of the country. It runs from Tirana to Durres and connects the country's capital with its best Adriatic port.

Albanian industry is enlarging its enterprises and building new ones. In Tirana a large spare parts plant for motor transport is under construction. A sugar factory and machine shops are being built in Korçe. Another sugar factory was begun in 1949 in the Lake Maliq region. A textile combine and a new electric power plant are being built in Tirana.

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